

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this Application, withdrawal of the rejection, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the attached evidence and remarks that follow.

Claims 1, 6, and 11-15 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to strike the language referenced by the Examiner in the last office action and the advisory action. New claims 13-15 are presented herein and describe subject matter set forth on, for example, page 5 (lines 10-11) and page 7 (lines 14-24). Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Claims 1, 6, 11, and 12 stand rejected as lacking enablement. The Examiner specifically notes that the recitation of the collar being capable of axially affixing the second cutting blade is not described in the specification. The Examiner admits that the claimed first and second sleeves perform this function. In response, Applicants have removed the offending language from claim 1 and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants also submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement listing a single reference, US 4,341,228. Citation 6 in the original IDS intended to list this patent, but the patent number was incorrect. Consideration of this document is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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